

RECEIVE LETTER FROM MAN WHO DISAPPEARED

Police Hear From J. C. Cummings Through Communication to Former Employer.

Although his disappearance remains a mystery to his friends, word was received from J. C. Cummings, the man who disappeared Saturday night from his home at 219 E. Monroe st., leaving his five-year-old son behind. A former employer received a brief note from the man in which he said that he was sorry that his disappearance had been taken as evidence that he intended to commit suicide.

The letter went on to state that he was employed on a farm in the country and that he would "make good all loss his employer had sustained through his services."

It was said in the police department Tuesday morning that the man was in a demented condition, after long strain through his continual working upon complicated "inventions." It was said that he claimed to have invented perpetual motion.

His son, Forrest, remains in the care of Matron Anderson at the county jail. Efforts will be made to locate him so that the name of his mother and her address in Detroit may be obtained. Authorities state that the child will be turned over to its grandmother as soon as she is located.

WHEAT DROPS TO DOLLAR IN SOUTH BEND MARKET

Change in War Situation Causes Drop of 16 Cents—Produce and Fruit on Public Mart.

Local quotations for wheat dropped to the dollar mark Tuesday morning. Since Saturday morning the price has fallen off 16 cents on the bushel and large numbers of farmers are turning in their grain after holding it believing that the price would climb still higher.

"The change in the European war situation is largely the cause of the sudden drop in wheat quotations," declared W. B. Starr of the Knoblock & Ginz Milling Co. Tuesday morning. "The prospect of a long and difficult war without a long war is causing speculators to unload their heavy holdings and the farmers are marketing their grain fearing the price will drop still further."

An unusual amount of garden produce was brought to the public market Tuesday morning and the day found a good number of customers waiting. Peaches and grapes were brought in in large quantities from southern Michigan districts. Peaches were selling at \$1.25 to \$1.50 a bushel and grapes were marked at from 50 to 60 cents a bushel without the basket. The usual large variety of garden produce and vegetables of all kinds were also marketed.

THEATER OPERATOR PAYS \$350 DAMAGES TO GIRL

After hearing evidence in the suit for damages filed by Mabel F. Davidson against Harry G. Sommer, who operates the Oliver theater, Acting Judge C. P. Drummond awarded the plaintiff \$350 damages. It was alleged by the Davidson girl that while coming down Center st., from the Ellsworth store, where she works, on the afternoon of June 25, 1914, she struck her head on a fire escape attached to the Oliver theater building. It was maintained by the plaintiff that the iron stairway was hanging within five feet of the ground when it should have been raised at least 10 feet. Damages of \$1,000 was asked by the plaintiff but an agreement for \$350 was reached. The Davidson girl alleged that the sun blinded her, preventing her from seeing the fire escape and that her skull was crushed and an operation was necessary to save her life.

ARREST ONE SUSPECTED IN POCKETBOOK ROBBERY

Police Find No Clue to Identity of Men Who Looted the Kowalski Home Last Saturday Night.

The theft of \$1,100 worth of jewelry from the L. W. Kowalski residence, 133 S. Scott st., and the theft of a watch and a ring, valued at \$45 from the pocket of John Lalber, 1029 Napier st., in the orpheum theater Sunday night, remain mysteries to the local police department. Although there was one arrest in connection with the latter affair the suspect established his identity to the satisfaction of the authorities and he was permitted to go free.

WILL HIRE SUPERVISOR FOR CITY PLAYGROUNDS

L. M. Hammerschmidt, chairman of the playground committee, recently selected by Mayor Keller, said Tuesday that the \$750 appropriated to the new board Monday night by the city council will be utilized in hiring a playground supervisor. Several supervisors are under consideration at the present, according to Mr. Hammerschmidt and as soon as investigations reveal the most qualified applicant for the place, the committee will advise the school board to hire him. The school board will employ the supervisor but will act upon the recommendation of the playgrounds committee. The money appropriated Monday night will be under the control of the school board.

CASES OF HOLDUP MEN TO BE TAKEN UP BY JURY

It is probable that after their preliminary hearing upon charges of robbery were continued in city court Tuesday morning for one week, the cases of Zigmund Mendikowski, of the Division road, and Joseph Connors, 209 N. St. Peter st., will be taken up directly at this session of the grand jury.

The two are accused by Alex Glowacki of having held him up and robbed him of cash and valuables. They were later identified, according to the police, by Glowacki as the two men that held him up near Kaley park in the west end of the city.

RAILWAY MAN DECLARES FOR NEAR SIDE STOPS

F. P. Hardy Says That Proposed Resolution Would Eliminate Much Danger to Traffic.

In all probability the city council will soon pass a resolution providing that street cars stop on the near side of the street to pick up passengers instead of on the far side as is the custom at present. The railway company favors the plan. It is in vogue in practically all larger cities in the country and is proving successful. F. P. Hardy, transportation superintendent of the Chicago, South Bend & Northern Indiana Railway Co., said Tuesday morning that he thinks the plan a good one and it will go far toward making traffic less dangerous.

Stopping on the near side of the street will also eliminate much unnecessary delay, according to Mr. Hardy. In many places the cars are obliged to make safety stops and then are compelled to cross to the far side of the street to pick up passengers. This necessitates two stops at one street. Another reason for the near side stopping is that strangers coming into the city from other towns where they are accustomed to having the cars stop on the near side, are given much trouble here. By putting into practice the new method it is thought that many accidents can be avoided.

ASK SOUTH BENDERS TO "BUY A BALE OF COTTON"

South Bend has been asked to help the southern cotton raiser financially and an organization to be known as a "Buy-a-bale-of-cotton-club" may be formed in the city in the next few days. Word was received Tuesday by the Chamber of Commerce from an organization in St. Louis requesting that a local movement be formed here promoting a plan to purchase the surplus cotton crop.

According to the letter from St. Louis there will be a surplus of more than three million bales of cotton and the south will meet with a loss of \$500,000,000 unless the crop can be disposed. A plan has been started to sell a bale of cotton to individuals throughout the north. The cotton to be held until it can be marketed in Europe. Pres. Wilson purchased the first bale. The crop will be stored in southern warehouses for the northern purchaser until it can be sold to the milling houses abroad which are now closed because of the war.

CHICAGO FIRM AIDS CITY OF CHICAGO

MEETING of the Chicago association of commerce to consider a method to help the southern cotton growers, Montgomery Ward & Co. announced that it would aid the "buy a bale of cotton" movement, by purchasing 10,000 bales. The only restriction placed upon the purchase is that the cotton must be bought from the firm's southern customers who would thus directly benefit from the purchase.

HIGH SCHOOL HALFBACK GETS HIS NOSE BROKEN

Deith Martin, 523 N. Main st., half back on the high school football team, will undergo an operation for a broken nose at St. Joseph hospital Tuesday afternoon. Drs. Olney and Swartz will perform the operation. Martin received the injury Monday night during practice. Scott was running back a punt when he suddenly swerved and crashed head first into Martin, running by his side for interference. It was thought that the injury would only be a "shiner," but an examination proved that the bone had been broken. The loss of Martin will be a hard blow to the squad.

BOARD OF WORKS OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Bids for water connections on Cottage Grove av. and the resurfacing of Marlon st. pavement were opened at the Tuesday morning meeting of the board of works. The bids were turned over to City Engineer Moore for tabulation.

At tonight's meeting the following hearings are on schedule: Vacation of a part of the proposed William st.; assessment roll for pavement on Pennsylvania av.; grade on Duhal av.; Milton av. pipe sewer.

MORAL: DO NOT GO IF IT IS LIKE THIS

Chief of Police Goodrich of the Binghamton, N. Y., police department, has warned Chief Kerr of this city to beware of Ralph E. Miller, a clever motion picture game swindler. Miller who travels under many aliases, will install an office in a city and start a school of motion picture training. He requires a deposit for a certain period of training, promising the prospective film star a position at \$5 a day when the training period is ended. However, when that time comes, Miller has disappeared.

PROMISSORY NOTE IS CAUSE OF LAW SUIT

Norman Ross and May C. Byerley were made defendants in a suit for collection of a promissory note filed in the circuit court Tuesday by the Level Furniture Co. The plaintiffs allege that the note is for \$82.41 and was given on Feb. 25, 1914, to be paid in monthly installments. It is said that the note is unpaid and that judgment for the principle and \$15 is asked.

UNCLE COMES AFTER LAD LOST FROM PERU

Francis Jones, the 14-year-old boy from Peru, who became lost in South Bend on his way to Benton Harbor and was taken in charge by Matron Anderson at the county jail, was taken away by his uncle Monday night. The boy had become lost and it was necessary for the police to care for him until relatives could come to his rescue.

CLOSED.
Groceries and Markets Wednesday and Thursday afternoons this week. Adv.

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DEATHS.

FRANCISCA GREENAN.

Francisca Cecilia, eight-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greenan, 1626 S. Kendall st., died Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. She had been ill for 10 weeks. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from St. Mary's church, Rev. J. M. Scherer officiating. Burial was in Cedar Grove cemetery.

MRS. SUSAN BAHEY.

Mrs. Susan Bahey, 314 W. Sample st., died Monday night at 11:40 o'clock following an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Bahey was born in Frederick county, Maryland, Oct. 10, 1833. Besides her daughters, at whose residence she died, she is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. H. B. Teeter and Daniel Barnes of this city; William Barnes of Mishawaka; and Mrs. Martha Vanderbilt of this city. The funeral service will be held at the Davis residence and burial will be in the Mishawaka cemetery.

ALEXANDER TEBO.

Alexander Tebo, 94 years old, for 24 years a resident of South Bend, died at his home at 213 1-2 Coquillard st. Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock after a long illness. He was born at Brook, Ind., Dec. 8, 1821. Besides his wife, three sons, Fred, William and Edward, survive him. He was grandfather to 38 children and great-grandfather to five.

ST. PAUL'S ASKS RETURN OF DR. GARDINER AS PASTOR

Congregation Decides to Observe Oct. 4 as Peace Day—New Officers Named at Conference.

At the fourth quarterly conference of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Memorial church Monday, a resolution was passed and arrangements made to comply with Pres. Wilson's wish that Oct. 4 be made a day of prayer throughout the Christian world for peace in Europe. Annual reports for the church were given and trustees and stewards appointed.

A unanimous resolution was passed requesting Bishop W. L. McDowell to return Rev. James L. Gardiner as pastor of St. Paul's church for another year. Various members of the executive board expressed the general satisfaction of the congregation with the work of Dr. Gardiner during his year and a half as pastor of the church. Another resolution was passed requesting the conference of northwestern Indiana to return Rev. M. H. Appleby for another year as superintendent of the South Bend district.

The reports presented showed the church to be in excellent financial and spiritual condition and the results of the year's work were dwelt upon with enthusiasm. Trustees named were Col. George M. Studebaker, W. H. Swintz, H. M. Kaufman, A. D. Baker, Clem Studebaker, Jr., C. E. Pattee, W. J. Keller, John R. Haughton, C. C. Shafer. The new stewards are J. A. Webster, C. L. Sheddick and Stephen Reister.

STUDEBAKER SCHOOL HAS ANNUAL FLOWER EXHIBIT

Prize Goes to First Grade—Drought Prevents Shows in Some School Districts.

In spite of the drought the majority of the schools of the city will hold their annual flower shows, though several of the schools will be unable to have their usual display.

The first exhibit to be held was that of the Studebaker school Tuesday afternoon. Seven tables filled with beautiful flowers representing the product of the children of the several rooms, constituted the show. The first prize of \$5 was awarded to 1B grade for the most attractive table. An individual prize of \$1 for the best bouquet on the first floor was given to Phoebe Goss, and a similar prize for the best bouquet on the second floor was given to Chester Copp, while Joseph Turnock received \$1 for the best display of vegetables.

The judges were Mrs. F. E. Wolf, Miss Alice Creed and Mrs. Cecil Franklin.

The Lincoln school and the Linden school will hold their exhibits Wednesday afternoon and the Mussel and the Coquillard Thursday. The Colfax and the Laurel exhibits will also come the latter part of this week, while the Kaley will hold one early next week. The Perley, Jefferson and the Lafayette schools will be unable on account of the dry summer, to hold any exhibit whatsoever, while the Elder, Franklin, Madison, River Park and Oliver are as yet undecided.

TWENTY-FIRST BATTERY HOLD REUNION SATURDAY

The twenty-first Indiana battery will meet in South Bend Saturday for its annual observation of the anniversary of the battle of Chickamauga, Ga. Forty members of the battery survive and a large attendance at the reunion is expected by Alex Staples, president and Charles J. Taylor, secretary of the organization, who have received the replies to the announcements sent out. The comrades who have died during the war are John Kleindinst of South Bend, Theodore Robinson of Tupelo, Miss., and George B. France of York, Neb. The meetings Saturday will be held in Quoniam post rooms in the old court house.

OFFICIAL REPORT LAYS CRUELITIES TO GERMANS

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his body pierced in many places. The corpse of a non-combatant was found hanging to a tree.

"Nearly all the houses in Louvain were destroyed. Fire raged there for three days. When the fire failed to spread, the Germans entered houses with fire grenades.

"The Germans everywhere adopted the procedure of advancing along the road shooting inoffensive civilians, particularly bicyclists. They would fire their rifles at random in the villages and then blame the inhabitants."

THE LUNDY STOCK SOLD.

A Dayton company bought of the receivers today the entire stock of H. Lundy Co. This stock consists of \$14,000 of high grade merchandise selected for the exclusive trade of South Bend. The Dayton company took possession today and will open on Thursday morning with the greatest sale ever seen in South Bend. Watch the papers tomorrow. Adv.

J. C. BOWSHER IS NAMED HEAD OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

First M. E. Board Elects Officers for Year and Hears Talk on Efficiency at Monthly Meeting.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Sunday school board of the First Methodist Episcopal Sunday school and the annual election of officers, was held at the church Monday evening. The meeting was preceded by a supper, served to the board members.

The Missionary budget of \$485 was adopted by the board. Following the business meeting, Rev. H. C. Wilson, of the national Sunday school board of the Methodist Episcopal church gave a very instructive talk on the efficiency of the Sunday school, and gave many good recommendations to the board on how to make the First Methodist Episcopal Sunday school more efficient.

At this meeting the following officers were elected to serve during the coming year, beginning the first Sunday of October:

Superintendent, J. C. Bowsher; first associate superintendent, A. G. Kumpf; second associate superintendent, J. D. Kindig; third associate superintendent, Miss Alice Creed; missionary superintendent, W. P. Taylor; temperance superintendent, J. B. Campbell; treasurer, W. O. Fassnacht; secretary, H. E. Fassnacht; birthday secretary, Mrs. H. E. Fassnacht; librarian, B. Wilcox; assistant librarian, J. Mason; chorister, F. W. Berryman; pianist, Gladys Watters; assistant pianist, Edna Tule; cradle roll superintendent, Mrs. E. P. Eldred; superintendent beginners' department, Miss Ethel Buck; assistant superintendent beginners' department, Miss Mamie Kindig; secretary-treasurer, beginners' department, Mrs. W. O. Fassnacht; superintendent primary department, Mrs. E. Rosenkrans; assistant superintendent primary department, Miss Nellie Hoke; secretary-treasurer, primary department, Miss Marie Williams; chorister primary department, Miss Clara Hill; pianist primary department, Miss Florence Reamer; superintendent junior department, Mrs. Norman Bleuler; assistant superintendent junior department, Mrs. D. K. Spitzer; secretary-treasurer junior department, Miss Clara Gutknecht; chorister junior department, Mrs. N. P. Kelb; pianist junior department, Mrs. Dan Pyle; superintendent intermediate department, C. J. Tompkins; superintendent Teachers' training department, Mrs. G. Mitchell; superintendent home department, Mrs. D. Fisher.

COURT HOUSE BECOMES LIVELY AS TERM OPENS

Circuit Court Begins Business for Fall and Stirs Other Offices With New Business.

With the opening up of the circuit court, the various offices in the court house, particularly the office of the clerk, have taken a decided change from the quiet which has reigned there during the past months. Attorneys and others interested in the affairs of the court are keeping the clerk's deputies busy while the rust on the stairway leading to the upper court rooms is being scraped off rapidly. Preparations are being made for

the opening of the superior court next Monday and Judge Vernon W. Van Fleet will have a busy session before him, judging from the many new cases which were placed on the docket during the summer. Practically all the lawyers in the city have returned from their summer vacations and are arranging cases which are slated to come up for trial during the present term of court.

FILES SUIT TO FORECLOSE MORTGAGE ON PROPERTY

Maria Forbes Gorsuch filed suit in the circuit court Tuesday against Lawrence R. and H. Matilda Babcock for foreclosure of a mortgage. It is alleged that the defendants purchased property from the plaintiff on July 11, 1910, giving in part payment their promissory notes, one for \$1,000, payable within 90 days, another for \$4,000, payable within three years, and the third for \$5,000, payable with-

in five years. The plaintiff states that the notes were secured by a mortgage and asked that it be foreclosed and judgment for \$14,000 be allowed.

CATHOLIC CLUB MEMBERS ORGANIZE COOKING CLASS

The first regularly organized vocational education class in domestic science was formed Monday evening at the high school, when 20 members of the Catholic club registered and began work in the high school kitchen laboratory. Another class of 20 members of the same organization will meet each Thursday evening, the first meeting to be held this Thursday. The classes are in charge of Miss Florence Weld.

REQUESTS GUARDIAN.

William Price filed a petition in the circuit court Tuesday for the appointment of a guardian for Mary A. Price. The plaintiff states that the defend-

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WILL OPEN SATURDAYS.

Beginning Saturday, Oct. 3, the public library will be open every Saturday afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock. This will be in addition to the regular hours.

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